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SUBJ: PORTUGUESE RESIDENT ICFTU REPRESENTATIVE MANUEL SIMON

REF: LISBON 5882

1. EMBASSY HAPPY TO LEARN FROM REFTEL THAT RESIDENT ICFTU REPRESENTATIVE IN LISBON MANUEL SIMON WILL MOVE HIS RESIDENCE FROM PORTUGAL TO SPAIN IN LATE OCTOBER TO WORK ON SPANISH LABOR AFFAIRS, WHILE CONTINUING TO VISIT PORTUGAL ONE WEEK PER MONTH. LABATT GWYNN LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING SIMON. LABATT HAS HEARD FAVORABLE COMMENTS ABOUT SIMON IN PAST FROM SEVERAL SOCIALIST UGT LEADERS INSIDE SPAIN, SINCE SIMON IS ALSO A LONG-TIME UGT MEMBER WHO REPORTEDLY KEEPS IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH CLANDESTINE UGT LEADERSHIP INSIDE SPAIN.

2. WHEN SIMON ATTENDS ICFTU CONGRESS IN MEXICO CITY NEXT WEEK, HE WILL ALSO RUN INTO ONE OF PRINCIPAL UGT LEADERS FROM INSIDE SPAIN, I.E., PABLO CASTELLANO, WHO WILL BE ATTENDING ICFTU CONVENTION REPRESENTING UGT AFTER JUST HAVING COMPLETED ONE-MONTH LEADER GRANT VISIT TO U.S.

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